ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability

Concrete Climate Action on the Ground: Cities & Local Action
Who we are

Pioneers of urban sustainability

ICLEI was founded in 1990, with the idea that a single local government has a significant impact and that cumulative local actions can achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability. Today, ICLEI is a world-leading association of over 1,500 cities, towns, metropolises, in 124+ countries, committed to building a sustainable future.
**COMMITMENTS**

- **Scale up and expand sustainable cities and regions**
- **Make sustainability a fundamental part of all local and global development**
- **Tackle the most pressing issues of our time to protect the long-term interests of citizens**
- **Undertake a collective effort for global change across all sectors and levels of government**

**PATHWAYS**

- **Low emission development**
- **Resilient development**
- **Circular development**
- **Equitable and people-centered development**
- **Nature-based development**

**POLICY**

- **Our policy approaches to drive global transformation**
- **Sustainable governance & management: sustainable development is a collective effort**
- **Innovation & science: sustainable development must work with and for all**
- **Finance: sustainable development needs innovative models of finance**
Why sub-national government & NDCs?

- Urban centers account for 70 percent of all energy-related greenhouse gas emissions worldwide.
- Commitments from sub-national governments have the potential to reduce CO2 equivalent emissions by 17 gigatons by 2030 (Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, 2018).
- It is at the local level where climate change impacts are felt.
- Cities are where the ‘rubber hits the road’.
- Two-thirds of all NDCs contain urban content (UN-Habitat).
Growing multi-level governance work

Sub-government

Local realities, needs, & solutions

Alignment, coordination, & strategic guidance

National government
Growing multi-level governance network

Sub-national government

Sub-national actors

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Sector

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Talanoa Dialogue, Accra, 6th of July 2018
“When we learn about what is actually being delivered at the local level, we may find that our NDCs can be enhanced relatively easily. Because so much is already happening there that has not yet been accounted for.”

H.E. Frank Bainimarama, COP23 President and Prime Minister of Fiji
Growing finance work

- Project Packaging
- Information Sharing and Capacity Development
- Governance
- Sustainable Procurement
- Insurance and risk reduction